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Surveys conducted for Exploring Coal Reserves
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds spent on surveys conducted for exploring coal reserves and the projects identified in this regard during the last three years and the current year;
(b) the additional investment likely to be made in this sector during the current financial year; and
(c) the estimated quantity of extra coal to be produced during the current financial year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Expenditure on exploring coal reserves during last three years and the current year is furnished below:-
(Rs. in Crores)
Central Sector Scheme
Year CIL
Non-CIL
Promotional Total Central Sector Scheme Grand Total
2012-13 256.99 149.66 22.92 172.58 429.57
2013-14 310.21 146.24 34.32 180.56 490.77
2014-15 382.79 152.81 44.81 197.62 580.41
2015-16 (BE) 559.80 190.46 79.90 270.36 830.16

The details of projects identified during the last three years and current financial year is furnished below:-
(Number of blocks undertaken)

Central Sector Scheme
Year CIL
Non-CIL
Promotional Total Central Sector Scheme Grand Total
2012-13 69 35 22 57 126
2013-14 65 26 22 48 113
2014-15 66 30 18 48 114
2015-16 (BE) 121 45 20 65 186

(b): In 2015-16, a total of Rs.830.16 crores has been budgeted for Detailed & Regional/Promotional Exploration of coal. Out of this, Rs 559.80 crores is for CIL blocks and Rs 270.36 crores in blocks under Central Sector Scheme (i.e. in Non-CIL & Promotional).

(c): The production target in the financial year 2015-16 for Coal India Limited and Singareni Coallieries Company Limited is 550 Million Tonnes and 56 Million Tonnes respectively. Achievement during the financial year 2014-15 was 494.238 Million Tonnes and 52.3 Million Tonnes for CIL and SCCL respectively.